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WHEREAS, **Hengst GmbH & Co. KG**, a company having a business at Nienkamp 53-85, 48147 Münster, Germany, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

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10. Februar 2006
Date

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